

WEDNESDAY

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

MARCH 2, 2011

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Michael Cherepko with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1 PRESENT: LORETTA DIGGS, MICHAEL
CHEREPKO, DALE McCALL, RICHARD
DELLAPENNA, ALFRED TEDESCO, JR.,
FAWN WALKER, DARRYL SEGINA**

Pastor Pete Giacalone from the Rainbow Assembly of God and the representative of the local Ministerium led the prayer.

Also present were Mayor Regis McLaughlin, City Administrator Dennis Pittman and members of the Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Ms. Diggs, "To
approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting
of Council on February 2, 2011."**

**RC-2 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7**

NAYS: NONE..... 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received the McKeesport Weed and Seed Initiative Activity Report for the month of January 2011.

- Received a letter from Rich Fitzgerald, President, Allegheny County Council, RE: Asking the General Assembly to enact a statewide moratorium on reassessments.
- Received a copy of letter sent by James Brown, Recreation Director, to David Donahoe, Executive Director of the Allegheny Regional Asset District, RE: 2011 Capital Grant Award.
- Received a copy of a letter sent by Dennis Davin, Director of Allegheny County Economic Development Department to Gerie Edmonds, Acting Director, Womansplace, RE: Handicapped Accessibility Project, City of McKeesport. The project will not be funded.
- Received an invitation from the Twin Rivers Council of Governments to attend their Annual General Assembly Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 31. If anyone wants to go, they should get in touch with Ms. Williams.
- Received a copy of a letter sent by Regis McLaughlin, Mayor, to John Hudson, Red Five Security, Inc., RE: Funding Opportunity.
- Received a letter from Gary Matta, Esquire, of Dodaro, Matta and Cambest, RE: Four Applications for Exemption of Real Estate Taxation.
- Received two memorandums from Controller Ray Malinchak. The first memorandum is regarding Controller's position on Mayor Brewster's benefit buyout request. The second memorandum is a request for Health Insurance Broker of Record Agreement.
- Received a notification from Allegheny County Traffic News that the Mansfield Bridge is going to be closed between Dravosburg and McKeesport beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. Traffic on the Mansfield Bridge will be restricted to one lane in each direction until further notice.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor McLaughlin said he would like Fire Chief Lust to give his report first.
- Fire Chief Kevin Lust said there were 61 fires in February. He said looking over the fires; people must have gotten new stoves for Christmas and didn't know how to use them yet because there were 10 stove fires. He said those fires were all confined to the kitchen. He said the only other thing he has is information about the grant money for 2010. He said they are currently finalizing the use of the FEMA grant money. He said they received the 5-inch hose and it is in service. He said they received the thermal imaging camera today, which will put another camera in the guys' hands as they are going into the fire. He said the camera was badly needed. He said the men will be trained on the camera in the next two weeks. He said the exhaust system for the stations has not been installed yet but the parts are coming in. He said he just received a call on Monday that the gear is done but the helmets are not finished yet. He said they should get those within the next week or two. He said that is all he has to report unless someone has a question.
 - Mr. McCall said how are the applications going for the part-time firefighters.
 - Chief Lust said the part-time firefighter's test will be held this Saturday with the Civil Service Commission. He said Mrs. Popovich will run the test at the McKees Café. He said they had 21 applicants sign up for the testing. He said Mrs. Popovich will be meeting with the Mayor. He said they are having a hard time finding part-timers that are available for the daylight shift on the weekdays. He said it is getting to the point that they can't use them unless they can get someone who can give them a daylight shift on the weekdays. He said he has eleven guys and that is all he needs, ten now that one has

resigned. He said everyone can work the weekends or night shift because they have other jobs, but they cannot work the daylight shift during the week. He said they are going to have to weed out the next bunch that comes in. He said he knows that Rich has been on the oral exam board. He said that will be an important question that they will have to ask during that exam.

- Mayor McLaughlin said are they working a lot of daylight.
- Chief Lust said they need daylight guys. He said other than that, they don't even need to hire another one now. He said he has enough part-timers to fill the other positions. He said they just need someone to fill the daylight shift. He said that is tough because with the qualifications they need, a lot of these guys have jobs. He said some of the new applicants don't have jobs because they are laid off and they would be able to give them that time availability.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is a requirement to have Firefighter's I training, correct.
- Chief Lust said they went through that and the Mayor and he decided that they have to have it. He said before this, they let the men come on and then go for the class, but it takes too much time to wait for them to finish so they can work. He said that is in the bargaining unit agreement.
- Police Chief Bryan Washowich said the Police Department answered 1,559 9-1-1 emergency calls in February. He said they executed 129 arrests, issued 157 traffic citations and orange-tagged 21 vehicles, and towed 5 of those as a result of the orange tag violations. He said they issued 3 handicap parking signs for residents and 600 parking tickets for the month of February. He said some of the activities that they participated in, along with the Weed and Seed Initiative, were the following: the Officer Phil Program was conducted at

Centennial and George Washington Schools on February 4, a safety talk was conducted at Tender Care Day Care Center on February 8, a five-session mini-Junior Police Academy was started at Founder's Hall for 7th and 8th graders on February 9, a five-session Junior Police Academy at LaRosa Boys and Girls Club was started on February 17 for ages 10 to 12, and the second of four call-in sessions was held at the Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Office on February 24. He said at the call-in session, they spoke to the kids that were already on Juvenile Probation. He said this is through the CISP program, which stands for Community Intensive Supervision Program. He said there were 15 youth involved who have all been adjudicated delinquent at some particular time. He said they had four parolees come to talk to the kids along with an Assistant District Attorney. He said it was a great communication dialogue with the kids. He said they answered a lot of questions. He said he asked questions of some of the youth. He said it was extremely productive and the parents were also involved. He said it was a great program and they have two more of those sessions scheduled. He said for the next scheduled session, he would like to invite anyone on Council and the Mayor to attend because it is quite something to see. He said especially with the parolees talking to the kids. He said on February 28, they had a Crime Watch meeting at the Weed & Seed Outreach Center with the Meyer Park Crime Watch, a newly organized Crime Watch group. He said it is spring clean up, so orange-tags are a huge priority. He said if anyone has any lists of any vehicles that need inspected by the Police Department, please compile the list, then they can either email him the list, send it to Patty or Annette and they will give it to him. He said they increased their school zone enforcement. He said they are trying to have police at the school zones in the mornings and the afternoons. He said that has been very effective. He said they are also dealing with the school district whenever school lets out. He said there have been a few groups of kids who have been a bit disorderly. He said the school district has been extremely cooperative in allowing

their supervisors to go out into the neighborhoods and police the kids along with the Police Department. He said that is all he has unless someone has a question.

- Ms. Walker said she has a question. She said does the Chief have any information on the revenue that the meters brought in.
- Chief Washowich said he does not but he can gather that information from Mr. Pittman's office.
- Ms. Walker said is there anything available since they started.
- Mr. Pittman said the revenue from the meters is collected by Public Works actually. He said then they have a coin machine that counts the coins in Cheryl Kaminski's office. He said she can get that information in the Treasurer's Office.
- Mr. Segina said in her print out it says what the revenues are from the parking meters. He said it is listed monthly and year to date.
- Ms. Walker said all right. She said she has another question about ... is there a process that is in place ... regarding attempted abductions. She said she knows there have been a lot of attempted abductions that have occurred, so she wondered if there is a process in place to inform parents when that happens. She said she knows there is actually a Megan's Law registry and there are a lot of offenders that live around kids. She said she wanted to get something in place to inform the residents when stuff like that occurs. She said she doesn't want to scare the community but
- Chief Washowich said the school district always prepares a report for the parents or the students to take home to the parents. He said the Police also give a public release to the Nixle communication program. He said if she is

not registered for Nixle, it is nixle.com. He said Nixle is a program where they send out crime alerts and it goes right to a person's cell phone and email address.

- Mayor McLaughlin said he thinks the Megan's law guys have to register with the City where they are living.
- Chief Washowich said absolutely. He said Megan's Law offenders are all registered with the City and Operation Verify was just conducted in January. He said that was an initiative where they went out and inspected all the Megan's Law offender's homes. He said all of the Megan's Law offenders were in 100% compliance.
- Mr. Cherepko said with the most recent occurrence, because he is with the school district, he knows that the most recent notice went out very quickly. He said the school district tries to get it out on the same day. He said even if it is not in their school area. He said he knows the one that happened was closer to George Washington School but even the kids at Centennial took a letter home from the school district explaining the situation and that there was an attempted abduction.
- Mr. Tedesco said he thinks the scary thing is the sheer number of Megan's Law offenders that they have in the City.
- Chief Washowich said they work hand in hand with ... Megan's Law offenders are not all offenders who assaulted a child. He said a Megan's Law offender could also have assaulted an adult. He said don't confuse that. He said he thinks around 20 percent of McKeesport's Megan's Law offenders are actually child predators. He said they work hand in hand with the parole office, probation officer Jeff Ayers, who does an incredible job. He said a lot of these guys are on parole or probation and a lot of them are not. He said a lot of them are lifetime offenders and are classified as sexually

violent predators. He said a lot are only ten year offenders.

- Mr. Tedesco said what percentage was that.
- Chief Washowich said they have a book in the police department that anyone is welcome to look at which has a picture of each and every one of the City's Megan's Law offenders and where they live. He said that book is open to the public also.
- Ms. Walker said is there any ... to get connected to nixle, they have to have access to the internet, correct?
- Chief Washowich said no, a cell phone with text messaging also works.
- Ms. Walker said for people to register is there any other way outside of going on the internet.
- Chief Washowich said he can prepare a form and if she wants to have someone fill out the form, he will register them himself.
- Mr. Tedesco said he thinks that is something they can put at the library where there are free computer terminals. He said then they could have access there.
- Chief Washowich said Nixle has proven to be extremely successful.
- Ms. Walker said she doesn't think a lot of people know about it. She said she knows they have talked about it several times but a lot of people don't know about it. She said it would be good if they could get it in the paper so people know they can register and get these alerts.
- Chief Washowich said they prepared one press release and it probably wouldn't be a bad idea to prepare

another one. He said he believes it is also on the website.

- Ms. Walker said yes, it is on there.
- Mr. Cherepko said maybe Mr. Cloonan [from the McKeesport Daily News] can help us out with that.
- Chief Washowich said it is nixle.com.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he has one question for the Chief. He said of the organizations that the police have visited, have they been to Reverend Pete's place yet on Friday night?
- Chief Washowich said no, but he actually spoke with Reverend Pete earlier this evening and they anticipate going there in the near future. He said he hears great things about that program.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he was going to suggest that.
- Chief Washowich said yes, sir, absolutely. He said if anyone has any questions or concerns, they can get in touch with him through his email address or in his office.
- Mayor McLaughlin asked Sherry Ward, Director of McKeesport Weed and Seed Initiative to speak next. He said now it's Ms. Walker's turn to ask questions,.
 - Ms. Walker said she is ready.
 - Ms. Ward said the Weed and Seed submitted a small grant to McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP and received \$7,500.00. She said out of that amount, \$500.00 will go to the Women's Peer Group as modeled by the Minority Partnership for HIV/AIDs Prevention. She said \$50.00 went to the McKeesport Police Identification Program, which is where the Police fingerprint children in the schools and in the day care programs. She said some money is also set aside for the DUI program at the High

School where the police have a mock crash scene for the Seniors that are going to the Prom. She said the grant is paying for the Junior Police Academy. She said there will be two sessions of that program at the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club, one for ages 10 to 12 and then a longer session for ages 13 to 18. She said these are for children who may be thinking of going into the professions of social work or the judicial system. She said they have money set aside for the Adult Police Academy, which will be held in the Grandview Area but is open to anyone in the City of McKeesport. She said they will be holding the Bike Safety Program again this year and they have three dates set aside for that in Harrison Village, Crawford Village and the Grandview Area. She said they are going to be holding a Business Crime Prevention program for anyone who owns or manages a business in McKeesport. She said that will probably be held in May. She said the Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) received \$500 for the youth to do community service. She said Bridge to Recovery received \$1,000 for their utilities to keep their resource center open. She said does anyone have any questions.

- Ms. Walker said she has various questions. She said last month she asked about who makes the decision regarding where the money goes from the Weed and Seed program.
- Ms. Ward said depending upon the grant, she sits on the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP and is the chair of the Crime and Safety Committee. She said the decision comes out of that meeting. She said they meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Hospital. She said that decision is made by the community precinct and that group.

- Ms. Walker said so Ms. Ward and the community policing group sit down and decide where the grant money goes.
- Ms. Ward said yes.
- Ms. Walker said who is on this community policing group.
- Ms. Ward said that is the TALL Team members, Barb Williams from the Minority Partnership for HIV/AIDs, Police Officer Art Pero, Chief Washowich, Darlene Allen, Billie Mary Feranka, Laura Jenkins from the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and there are quite a few other people.
- Ms. Walker said is there a vote that takes place where they say that the money should go to this group and everyone raises their hands.
- Ms. Ward said they all came up with what they wanted to fund. She said they had previously held a Junior Police Academy when Pooh was the officer and right now they have 34 kids that are in the younger level.
- Ms. Walker said where does the money come from to fund the Junior Police Academy, is it from the grant.
- Ms. Ward said that comes from McKeesport Hospital Foundation.
- Ms. Walker said do they write a grant for the City through them. She said she is confused.
- Ms. Ward said since she is the chair of the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP Crime and Prevention Committee, she writes the grant to the McKeesport Hospital Foundation.
- Ms. Walker said she is confused. She said so Ms. Ward writes the grant, but she thought it was for Weed and Seed. She said how does she separate them.

- Ms. Ward said McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP has four major components. She said when they submitted that entity to the State, McKeesport was then registered as a Healthier Community. She said Weed and Seed was one of the members as was Communities That Care, Community Connections for Families and Crawford Village. She said those were the four agencies that went in together to do the application to the State for the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP.
- Ms. Walker said that is perfectly fine, but she is not comfortable with that. She said she thinks there should be some type of committee that she runs this by, people vote on it and then it comes to City Council.
- Ms. Ward said it goes through the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP, the AID Team and then it goes through a subcommittee.
- Ms. Walker said these are people that Ms. Ward picks. She said she thinks it should be people from the community.
- Ms. Ward said no, she doesn't pick these people. She said she doesn't pick anyone. She said these are people who have been with agencies and so forth
- Ms. Walker said she is just giving her opinion that this is how she thinks
- Ms. Ward said ... agencies and so forth that have been members since 2001.
- Ms. Walker said that is how she thinks it should go. She said it needs to be fair and there needs to be She said this money can go to various programs. She said Ms. Ward is talking about a Junior Police Academy and a Bike Safety Program.

- Ms. Ward said, first of all, for McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP
- Ms. Walker said how is that going to stop somebody from shooting somebody.
- Ms. Ward said for the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP program to grant money to someone, they have to be a sitting member on the McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP. She said they have to be a person at those meetings.
- Ms. Walker said that has nothing to do with what she just said. She said what she said was it should be people picked from the community. She said maybe Council should get involved in picking these people and deciding how this money goes.
- Ms. Ward said first of all, no one is picked. This is an open forum and anyone can be a member.
- Ms. Walker said if they have an open forum ... a lot of people don't even know what Weed and Seed is. She said she grew up in this City and in the Seventh Ward, and guess what, she never heard of Weed and Seed.
- Ms. Ward said they have been on the web site with the City.
- Ms. Walker said well it is not working.
- Ms. Ward said they are in the
- Ms. Walker said well it is not working.
- Ms. Ward said it is working in Pennsylvania.
- Ms. Walker said a lot of people don't know that they are here. She said the people that they claim they are serving are not getting the services. She said a Bike

Academy and a Bike Safety Program is not stopping anybody from

- Ms. Ward said that is a very small portion. She said, okay, this is ...
- Ms. Walker said this is not stopping anybody from shooting anybody.
- Mr. Cherepko said Fawn, if he could
- Ms. Walker said it's not.
- Ms. Ward said they have submitted to the
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks they need to get these issues addressed. He said he thinks if this is possible rather than having this all out right now, that he is going to ask Ms. Ward, if it is okay with the Mayor, to have them
- Ms. Walker said they have had this discussion before and what she said was not really listened to. She said people are still dying. She said that is why she is going to keep talking about it and she will continue to do that. She said if she and the Mayor will come that would be great.
- Ms. Ward said she would like to make one statement. She said any program that she goes out and enlists, has to be a research based program from the OJJ, the Office of Juvenile Justice
- Ms. Walker said those programs ... there are a lot of programs like that.
- Ms. Ward said it has to be a proven
- Ms. Walker said she is aware of that, she is a social worker and she knows that.

- Ms. Ward said it has to be a proven researched program and this year, the State said that they have to go within the Police Department for the Weeding. She said they have
- Ms. Walker said but what about the Seeding.
- Ms. Ward said they have about \$36,000 going out to
- Ms. Walker said what about the Community part of it, what about the seeding.
- Ms. Ward said there were no monies really set for the community.
- Ms. Walker said it can't all go to the Police.
- Ms. Ward said she is sorry, that is what the State has told them they can go for. She said they have to go by the OJJ because it is JAG funds.
- Ms. Walker said the program was supposed to be there to help people ... and that is what
- Mr. Segina said Mr. President, if he may interject on this. He said this is not a place for inquiries into the Weed and Seed program really, first of all. He said secondly, he knows Ms. Ward has been working on a very, very substantially lowered wage to conduct the Weed and Seed program and he is thoroughly satisfied with the report that she gives him every month. He said if there is a question about it, then he thinks it should be done outside of Council Chambers. He said they should not be trying to indict this young lady for doing something wrong or omitting something. He said it is wrong to do that. He said her contract is only for ... when they signed it, for \$7,300 for the next six months. He said that is almost slave labor.

- Ms. Walker said that doesn't mean that she doesn't have to do her job.
- Mr. Segina said she has been doing a good job, Fawn. He said he has no problems with it whatsoever.
- Ms. Walker said well she does.
- Mr. Segina said if she does then he thinks she should settle it her own way by talking to Ms. Ward.
- Ms. Walker said she is not allowed to bring a question to the Weed ... she is allowed to question that at a Council meeting.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks she made more than one question. He said he thinks she has made an inquiry
- Ms. Walker said she has been questioning this since she started.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks she has made an inquiry and is putting Ms. Ward on the spot there.
- Mr. Cherepko said okay, Mr. Segina and Ms. Walker, please.
- Ms. Walker said she has been questioning this for a whole year ... it is nothing new, trust her.
- Mr. Segina said this happens every time we have a meeting.
- Ms. Walker said sorry, she cares about people dying.
- Mr. McCall said on the Weed and Seed part
- Ms. Walker said she isn't saying enough, because people are dying, but it doesn't matter.
- Mr. McCall said he knows

- Ms. Walker said let's move on because it's death and it doesn't matter. She said they don't care, so why bother.
- Mr. McCall said the Weed and Seed money, if he is not mistaken, is designated for one thing only. He said that is what Ms. Ward has to go with. He said this year they only have it for the police department and they did not have any Seed money. He said is that what Ms. Ward is saying.
- Ms. Ward said that is right, there is no Seed money. She said everything was Weed money. She said next year
- Ms. Walker said that's ridiculous.
- Ms. Ward said ... it will probably come from the JAG fund or from the Federal government and will concentrate on gang prevention for which they have written a letter, or the Chief has written a letter, saying that there are different gangs within the community.
- Mr. McCall said from the Weed and Seed there are other programs that are balanced out and she writes grants for these other programs.
- Ms. Ward said yes.
- Mr. McCall said that money then can be used anywhere, the money from the Hospital Foundation.
- Ms. Ward said yes, from the Foundation.
- Mr. McCall said that is what Fawn is trying to get to.
- Ms. Walker said she has been asking this for the whole year and she is the bad person because she cares.
- Ms. Ward said they have written a small grant with the Blueprint Communities for marketing but usually grants are so specified.

- Mr. McCall said he understands and he knows Ms. Walker understands it too. He said he thinks the issue is that programs such as the bicycle program may be something Ms. Walker thinks that there would be something else they could do that is better than that.
- Ms. Ward said McKeesport Healthier PartnerSHIP wants to promote wearing helmets on bicycles, so they give out free helmets to all the kids. She said that causes less head injuries.
- Mr. McCall said so that is what that grant is designated for.
- Ms. Ward said yes, it only goes to bicycle helmets.
- Mr. McCall said it is open through the whole City.
- Ms. Ward said yes, it is open through the whole City.
- Mr. Segina said he is also on the Blueprint Community Technology Board and one of the things that he was griping about and he is sure Fawn has a gripe with them too because they don't market themselves well enough. He said they don't let people know what they have in McKeesport. He said Sherry went out and got a grant application and it was successful. He said now they are getting booklets that will be distributed throughout the community and for anyone who comes into town, such as new residents. He said they will now be able to distribute these booklets to them so they know what the City has as far as assets in McKeesport that they can take advantage of. He said they should be advertising those types of things like that. He said maybe they don't toot their horn enough and that is a problem they have here.
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks it is a concern they all have, there is no question. He said they should look into it. He said the City has done a fantastic job with the Weed

part of it and it is where a lot of the funds go. He said he can also see Ms. Walker's perspective of the Seed aspect.

- Ms. Ward said the Seed money has really dried up at this time. She said they previously did the microenterprise grant, which educated people so they could start small businesses. She said that money is gone now. She said a lot of the foundations that they were going to were hit two years ago and they are not really funding right now.
- Mr. Tedesco said the majority of the Seeding money was coming from foundations and such.
- Ms. Ward said yes, and that has all currently dried up.
- Mr. Segina said this is a diversified agenda that she is carrying. He said he is not trying to support her in any way but he knows what she has been doing and reads the reports she has. He said he has no problem with that. He said if Ms. Walker does, then maybe she should go to the meetings.
- Ms. Walker said she did all that.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he thinks the City must be getting lucky because last month he thinks he announced about four or five new businesses that registered with the City. He said that they have four more that registered with the City in the last month. He said one is Frieda Cleaners of 527 Walnut Street, Chick's Grill LLC at 3711 Walnut Street, D.S. Food Mart Inc. at 929 Union and New to You Motors at 1619 Lysle Boulevard. He said those are four new businesses that registered with the City. He said maybe they are getting lucky and people are coming into the City to do something.
- Mr. Tedesco said that D's is the old K & R Cards, correct?
- Mayor McLaughlin said yes, that is the old K & R Cards but it is a new business and they had to register with the

City. He said also last week, he and Mr. Pittman had a meeting with UPMC people, Sean Logan and a few others to go over some things. He said there are rumors that UPMC McKeesport is closing but those rumors are not true. He said McKeesport Hospital has begun to thrive. He said "two years after reporting an operating loss of \$2.9 million amid fears that the hospital would close, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center reported that McKeesport would end fiscal year 2011 with \$4.5 million in operating revenue up from a loss of \$2.9 million in fiscal year 2009." He said he is only going to read a little bit of this because they have flyers to pass out to everyone. He said "improvements were apparent in other key indicators this fiscal year compared to 2009 including admissions and observation cases up 20% to 13,768, average daily census up 18% to 193, and emergency room visits up 15% to 38,397." He said there has been some significant strengthening on McKeesport in less than two years which includes "a strong commitment to the community, increased uncompensated care by 24%, key operating measures show steady and significant improvements since fiscal year 2009, total admissions and observations increased 20%, average daily census increased 18%, emergency room visits increased 15%, \$7.4 million financial improvements since the year 2009." He said he thinks that is a great plug for UPMC McKeesport Hospital and they do want to stay in the community. He said the City is working on some things to keep them here also. He said does Dennis have anything to say about this.

- Mr. Pittman said only that Sean Logan, the former State Senator, wanted to make himself also available to the community if anyone has questions about the Hospital and its future here concerning recruitment of new physicians and new services that will be offered here that were not previously available. He said he doesn't want to put Mr. Richards on the spot, but he thinks the

Task Force is going to invite the former Senator to speak to them. He said is that correct Bill.

- Mr. Richards said yes.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that is all he has.
- Ms. Walker said she has a question. She said where are they at with the fireworks for International Village. She said are they doing those.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they put it out to bid.
- Mr. Cherepko said it was in the newspaper today, he believes.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he didn't see the paper today.
- Mr. Segina said is that for International Village too because they did not have them last year.
- Mayor McLaughlin said it is for the Fourth of July.
- Ms. Williams said it is for all three events.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Mr. Tedesco said he first wants to thank everyone who stopped by and paid their respects to his mother who passed away recently. He said it was nice to see a lot of friendly faces and hear from people who sent their wishes whether they called, sent a text, a card or flowers. He said it really warmed his heart and He said it is probably the toughest thing he ever went through in his life but he will have to move on and keep pushing through. He said he just wanted to thank everyone who was there for him. He said with the help of a lot of good friends and family, they will get through it.

- Ms. Walker said she just wanted to give her condolences again to A.J. and his family for their loss. She said she wanted to bring up the P.A.T. Transit cuts. She said she would like Council and the Mayor's opinion on how they felt ... she said she knows how she feels about it and thinks it is wrong. She said she would like to hear how everyone else feels about it and would like to send a letter out to P.A.T. with their opposition to those cuts. She said she wanted to know how everyone feels about that.
- Mr. Cherepko said that was actually going to be part of his report. He said in regards to the P.A.T. Transit cuts, he has been in contact with Representative Kortz and Gergely and they are dealing with these concerns. He said in fact they have been working diligently with the Port Authority and they have commitments from Steve Bland, the C.E.O., and Dan Devone, the governmental liaison. He said they have committed to sit down with Kortz, Gergely and any of the local officials. He said that is definitely something they are on top of in order to come up with at the very least some alternative means of transportation. He said there are different possibilities but that would be the very least if the routes are stopped. He said whether it is Access or they mentioned a bunch of different things but they are definitely getting cooperation from the Port Authority. He said he can assure her of that.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks they should write a letter to PAT from the Mayor and City Council, expressing their opinion of the cuts and in support of restoring those cuts back to McKeesport, Port Vue and White Oak. He said they are all being affected by these buses. He said he thinks that is the best way to go, showing that maybe the other communities should do the same thing. He said maybe they should send a letter to PAT also to let them know they are not pleased with the cuts they are making and that they should restore the routes. He said

there are a lot of people who live within the City itself that jump on these buses and go downtown or go to work at Century III. He said these people might even lose their jobs. He said would Mr. President entertain that as a motion.

- Mr. Cherepko said absolutely.
- Mr. Tedesco said there are several candidates running for County Executive right now and he thinks they should all get the same letter.
- Mr. Segina said they can send the letter to whomever they want to send it to. He said he would like to make a motion to send a letter to PAT from the Mayor and City Council.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko, "To send a letter to the Port Authority Transit from the Mayor and City Council about the bus route cuts."

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NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Cherepko said to clarify this in case someone in the public isn't exactly clear. He said the routes that are being cut are more in the outlying areas but they are coming into the Transportation Center. He said that is why when he mentioned some alternative means of transportation, whether Access or Worklink or things like that, those would be the very least that they are trying to get at this point if the routes themselves are not kept.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he thinks that Glassport and Port Vue are losing their service completely.

- Ms. Diggs said it seems like the smallest, poorest communities are getting cut.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he talked to Mr. Kortz as Fawn knows, he talked to Mr. Kortz and Bob Macey and they are supposed to get together about this.
- Mr. Segina said his opinion is that what they are trying to do is hold a gun to the heads of the populace around here regarding those cuts. He said he thinks they are trying to get the legislators to give them more money. He said he thinks that is what they are trying to do. He said they are using the people in the communities that need it the most by making those cuts.
- Ms. Diggs said but those big executives are the ones that get the money, those big pays and nobody else gets anything.
- Mayor McLaughlin said Loretta is right, he thinks they should sit down at the top and start breaking down at the top first before they break down lower.
- Mr. Dellapenna had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina said the only thing he has is that Mr. Cherepko mentioned in the back that they are taking off Bills #131 and #135 in regards to the Solicitor for the City of McKeesport. He said he is a little disappointed that they are now taking that off the Table again. He said this is the third month they are going without a Solicitor and it is one of two things. He said either they can do without a Solicitor or they don't want to pay the money for whatever reason, he has no idea, but he is disappointed that this Council and this Mayor cannot get together and get an appropriate Solicitor for this town. He said he thinks they really need one.
- Mr. Cherepko said that Mr. Segina is aware that Mr. Matta sent in a letter saying he didn't want to be considered.

- Mr. Segina said he saw the letter and he thinks he knows why he pulled out, because he couldn't get a consensus of Council. He said he understands that.
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks he wasn't guaranteed that but Mr. Matta wanted to at least have a chance to sit down with them and with everything that is going on. He said his impression was that Mr. Matta just didn't want to get involved with everything that is going on.
- Mr. Segina said whatever the reason, Mr. Cherepko, it goes back to January. He said they don't have a Solicitor yet. He said he thinks they should bear down and focus on getting a Solicitor at this time.
- Mr. Cherepko said and with that said and he is sure Mr. Segina got in his packet, he did send a letter out to Mr. McLaughlin in regards to getting together. He said he is once again going to extend the same invitation. He said he is available any day after 3:00, so he would like Mr. McLaughlin to get in touch with him.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he is available any day before 3:00 p.m., Mike.
- Mr. Cherepko said well
- Mayor McLaughlin said he is only kidding.
- Mr. Tedesco said he would like just to clarify. He said they want to remove the two Bills tonight or table them.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that is what he was going to ask.
- Mr. Cherepko said they are just going to take them off the Agenda at this point.
- Mr. Tedesco said it was his understanding that he said Mr. Matta didn't want to be considered tonight or at all.

- Mr. Cherepko said Mr. Matta said at this point he does not want to be considered at all. He said if things change in the future, then that would be a different situation.
- Mr. Segina said Mr. Matta wants a 7-0 vote and a consensus on this.
- Mr. Tedesco said this is Mr. Elash's will that it be removed as well.
- Mr. Elash said pardon me.
- Mr. Tedesco said is it Mr. Elash's will that this Bill be removed as well.
- Mr. Elash said it is Council's decision. He said he didn't have any involvement
- Mr. Cherepko said does Mr. Tedesco mean Mr. Elash's Bill.
- Mr. Tedesco said yes, Mr. Elash's Bill.
- Mr. Cherepko said no, that is going to be
- Mr. Tedesco said he wanted to ask the actual participants if they are asking Council to remove it from the Table.
- Mr. Elash said to be honest with them, he would like it to be part of an overall ... settlement of the issue rather just a separate
- Mr. Tedesco said so Mr. Elash is asking for it to be removed as well.
- Mr. Elash said he is yielding to the will of Council.
- Mr. Cherepko said he just thinks until they can come up with some kind of amicable solution, he doesn't want to

... at this point Mr. Elash has been approved as Special Counsel and is working for nothing at this point. He said no contract has been approved and if the City is faced with any kind of legal issues or whatnot, he can assure them that if Mr. McLaughlin needs to use Mr. Elash for anything, he would not have any problem with that or anyone here. He said they need to make sure the City is protected. He said once again, he is extending his invitation to Mr. McLaughlin. He said the Mayor can let him know when and he works until 3:00.

- Mayor McLaughlin said all right.
- Mr. Cherepko said after that any day he will make it
- Mr. Segina said he has one question of Mr. Cherepko. He said what is an amicable resolution.
- Mr. Cherepko said he doesn't know. He said he thought they somewhat had one a month ago. He said he is not going to sit here and rehash everything.
- Mr. Segina said he is just asking.
- Mr. Cherepko said I am just ... they are looking at the last month and he thought that there was a solution that was agreed upon and he was ready to approve Mr. Moldovan and the Ira Weiss firm last month. He said he was prepared to do that. He said he thinks they can do it and he doesn't think there is any reason for them to sit here and air their dirty laundry and go at one another and whatnot. He said they have been there and done that. He said he thinks he and Mr. McLaughlin are on the same page and he will wait for Mr. McLaughlin to contact him and they will get together.
- Mr. Tedesco said as much as he does not want to see this strung out any longer, if Mr. Matta and Mr. Elash would like these removed, they have to honor their wishes. He said he is with them on the removal.

- Mr. Cherepko said thank you Mr. Tedesco. He said is that all Mr. Segina has.
- Mr. Segina said yes, thank you.
- Mr. McCall said he had nothing to report at this time.
- Ms. Diggs said she had nothing to report at this time.
- Mr. Cherepko said he actually was going to comment on the Port Authority and the other thing he was going to mention is once again he would like to express his condolences to Mr. Tedesco. He said on a lighter note, down at the viewing A.J.'s father took him over to one of the pictures and it is amazing where they come from. He said it was a picture of A.J. and him on the same baseball team and he thinks they were five years old at the time. He said it was the first Slingshot league that was started. He said it is amazing to see, it seems like yesterday and here they are now serving on Council together. He said that was a lighter note. He said he knows A.J.'s father and he were laughing over it and A.J. too. He said but once again he is very sorry for A.J.'s loss.
- Ms. Diggs said they enjoyed the pictures.
- Mr. Tedesco said they didn't embarrass him.
- Mr. Segina said what happened to their baseball careers.
- Mr. Cherepko said they began and ended about then.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they became politicians.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

- Mr. Cherepko said first we have Ms. Annette James. He said would she please come forward and state her name and

address for the record please. He said she has three minutes to speak.

- **ANNETTE JAMES, 2618 FOREST STREET, McKEESPORT, PA.** Ms. James said she just wanted to let everyone know the final results of the Reader's Digest We Hear You America Sweepstakes. She said McKeesport came in 61 out of 9,409 entries. She said she thinks that is really good. She said unfortunately they didn't get any money but there is also a chance that they could still be featured in the magazine's upcoming May issue. She said the magazine is picking out different cities and towns from the entries to feature the things about their towns. She said hopefully McKeesport will be picked for that and it will let everyone know about McKeesport.
 - Someone said who did win?
 - She said it was a small city in Michigan. She said she also wanted to give thanks to a couple of different departments in the City who have done an excellent job recently. She said she would like to thank Public Works for all their snow removal from the City. She said they have had a lot of snow and the guys have just done a terrific job as far as she is concerned with the snow removal, getting out there and plowing and salting the streets, and keeping them passable and safe for everyone. She said she would also like to thank the Fire Department. She said recently on January 21 there was a fire in her neighborhood, the next block up from her house, on Fayette and the house that caught fire is literally right up against the next house. She said she has always thought that if any of those houses catch fire, they will all three burn down because there are those two and the one next to it and you can barely see daylight in between them. She said the Fire Department contained that fire to the one house and did an excellent

job. She said she really appreciates that and they are just wonderful.

- Mr. Cherepko said those houses are literally on top of each other. He said he has never seen two houses that close together. He said they might as well be townhouses. He said they are that close.
- Ms. James said both the Public Works and Fire Department did a great job recently. Thank you.
- Mr. Cherepko said will Larry Wallace come forward and state his name and address for the record please. He said Larry has three minutes.
- **LARRY WALLACE, 1818 JENNY LIND STREET, McKEESPORT, PA.** Mr. Wallace said he is here because he has been in the process of trying to get the YMCA back open for the last ten months or maybe a year. He said they are close to getting it open and he has been dealing with the Mayor, the Chief of Police and a lot of citizens. He said Tom Clark Chevrolet, Pozzutos and other organizations are going to help. He said they started out opening a boxing gym but they turned it in to opening the swimming pool, the gym, the weight room and everything. He said he has organizations that are going to donate their time ... for instance, Pozzuto said it would cost \$30,000 to fix the swimming pool. He said Pozzuto said he will donate his time for whatever he can do to help fix the swimming pool and some of the parts they might need. He said there are three or four different organizations that are going to help. He said that the \$30,000 needed might come down to \$5,000 in materials. He said the only thing he wants to say to people and the Council is that every time he goes to meetings, even his organization, people talk about things, but those things never get done. He said all he wants them to do is try to help him and not to forget they need this here. He said these kids don't have anything to do in this town. He said he has over 200 kids signed up, girls and boys. He said they need something to do and it is up to

them to get something for them to do. He said he applauds Ms. Ward for her organization but he has to say that he would rather see somebody stop getting killed than have a helmet on their head. He said he understands what she is saying but maybe she doesn't understand the organizations he deals with. He said they have to do with kids killing each other. He said he thinks that should come first.

- Mayor McLaughlin said are the 200 kids he has signed up all McKeesport kids.
- Mr. Wallace said yes, all McKeesport kids. He said then he has 20 senior citizens signed up to help with the boxing, they are all ex-boxers and all are over 65 and retired. He said they are retired and ready to help.
- Mayor McLaughlin said what is Larry trying to do, bring him back.
- Mr. Wallace said no, the Mayor is still over the hill.
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks the comment on Mr. Wallace ... there is no question and he thinks everyone up here agrees and they will do what they need to do to work with him. He said he applauds Larry for that along with all the other organizations. He said even with that anti-violence meeting that a lot of them went to, because he has been in the schools for the last 12 years, it was very interesting. He said it hurts. He said it hurt him to be there and there were a dozen or so individuals, young men, who showed up for the meetings. He said for everyone in the community who was at the meeting, including Chief Washowich, other Council members and the Mayor, it was sad to see there was all but three that he had in school up at Cornell. He said it is tough and he applauds Larry for that and thinks it would be a great thing to get the kids off the street.

- Mayor McLaughlin said also he thinks it is a good thing that Mr. Wallace is doing that because it will put activity around the YMCA. He said he also contacted Jim Grazie who runs the situation up there to see if he had a spare room open and he said he did. He said he talked to Lieutenant Pero and they are going to move the police gym from where it is now to that room and it will be free. He said that way there will be police presence in the building also.
- Mr. Cherepko said next they have Ryan Sallee. He said would Ryan please come forward, state his name and address please and he has three minutes.
- **RYAN SALLEE, WASTE MANAGEMENT, 1500 HAYDEN BOULEVARD, ELIZABETH, PA.** He said the current contract for trash removal is up this year although they do have the option for two additional years. He said he is here to respectfully request that they consider putting that contract back out to bid. He said Waste Management had that contract for several years and they pride themselves in their workmanship and the ability to provide for the customers which is the community itself and the people who reside here. He said they would simply like the opportunity to be able to bid on that work again.
- **ROBERT SMITH, 100 MARSHALL DRIVE, McKEESPORT, PA.** Mr. Smith said good evening. He said he just has one question for them. He said he has heard that the City of McKeesport was charged in excess of \$170,000 for their garbage collection and he was wondering if that is true.
 - Mayor McLaughlin said Mr. Malinchak is that true.
 - Mr. Malinchak said yes its true but the way you have to look at it is that it is a weight thing. He said he would not use the word excess. He said he maybe should say they went over the target budget.

- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Malinchak said he has a set of bills here that Mr. Smith is welcomed to look at to see how the tonnage is calculated and it is \$83.00 a ton. He said if they have a shorter period for the billing period the cost is going to be less. He said if they have a longer period, it will be more. He said one thing he does have in here in his pile of documents, is that he recalls over the last two years that the monthly bills have swung from \$61,000 to about \$117,000. He said that is the range. He said he has to understand that it is possible that there could have been five weeks in one bill and only four or three in the other. He said to use that statement that it went into excess ... if he wants to use it with respect to the fact that they had a target....
- Mr. Smith said okay maybe that the City was charged more.
- Mr. Malinchak said with respect to the fact that they had a target for the year and a budget amount and they went over the budget, fine. He said they probably went over the budget. He said they have to pick up what is out there.
- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Malinchak said that is the bottom line.
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks too that ... he can't remember the exact number off hand but when they did go with the contract with their current company, over three years ... he thinks it was over three years and about \$1.5 million ... what did they save over the three years roughly, Mr. Pittman?
- Mayor McLaughlin said he thinks it was about \$1.5 million.

- Mr. Cherepko said somewhere in that ballpark range. He said if that was the case, and they were over a little bit, it was still down from prior years.
- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Malinchak said he asks these questions always at the beginning of their meetings. He said he has the list right here, which Mr. Smith is welcomed to look at. He said these are the monthly bills, what they pay. He said this is public information because it is his tax money. He said again when you add all these up, it could have exceeded the budget so he is correct in the statement he made.
- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Malinchak said it is that simple.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks there is a little bit more to it than what he is talking about because while they say there is a savings from the previous hauler, Nickolich came in at a pretty good price and that is why they had a savings those three years. He said however, now the \$170,000 is beyond what they projected in their budget, which is based on what they did the previous year. He said they are now 2,000 tons over what they projected which he thinks is a serious matter here in McKeesport. He said \$170,000 is a big chunk of change for their budget, that's for sure. He said that is 70 30-ton packers going out of this town beyond what they projected. He said that is what he thinks Mr. Smith is alluding to.
- Mr. Smith said yes, sir.
- Mr. Malinchak said they are absolutely correct. He said this is what he always likes to refer to as comparative engineering. He said they look at the previous years and the question he is asking is very legitimate and he

doesn't have an answer for it. He said he doesn't know why they have more tonnage.

- Mr. Segina said the other thing too is did this tonnage precipitate the fact that they had to raise their municipal fees. He said that is a complaint that he is confronted with quite a bit.
- Mr. Malinchak said also too, something that Mr. Segina has brought up repeatedly, every time people, for lack of a better word, are not diligent about putting out recyclables, they go over to the other side. He said there is a double savings on recycling. He said if they get a ton of recyclables, they just saved \$83.00 and they might get something for the recyclables too.
- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Segina said does Mr. Smith represent a company or did he come in as a resident.
- Mr. Smith said as a resident.
- Mr. Malinchak said just for his information, there are surrounding communities that do not go by tonnage. He said they basically ... they could drive past your house and they are going to pay per unit whether they stop and pick up any garbage or not. He said there are communities that do that.
- Mr. Smith said so that is why the City overpaid, it was just because they went over the tonnage.
- Mr. Malinchak said he doesn't want to use the word "over." He said they have to pick the tonnage up. He said they thought they were going to spend "X" number of dollars and as Darryl said, they ended with how many tons more than projected

- Mr. Segina said 2,000 tons. He said that is a lot of garbage.
- Mr. Malinchak said he won't disagree with that.
- Mr. Segina said he is concerned about that. He said they got this letter yesterday and it was an anonymous letter. He said he usually doesn't take too much to heart in what they put in anonymous letters but it ties in if those things are true in that particular letter with what they have as far as the overage of 2,000 tons or 70 trucks going in and out of this town. He said that is compared to what they did the previous year. He said that concerns him. He said then there is also the fact that they raised the municipal fees and that concerns him.
- Mr. Malinchak said in his own personal opinion, the best position for the City to be in is to investigate the other communities that have the "fixed rate" or the rate per unit of garbage generated. He said that is a Council decision, not a Controller decision. He said that is the way he would go. He said if they basically got a fixed rate, if they have 11,000 residents and they establish a price per resident, it is a fixed price. He said but that is Council's call, not his.
- Mayor McLaughlin said does Ray know there are municipalities such as Elizabeth who charge so much a bag to be picked up. He said there are a lot of places that they are only allowed to put one can out not four or five cans. He said he has also caught people coming through his alley in a pickup truck dumping garbage off from somewhere else.
- Mr. Malinchak said there are other communities that look to him like ... and it looks like he has studied this quite a bit. He said they bill and handle it with invoicing. He said when he pays his Comcast bill for example, he doesn't send the check to the City and then the City

pays Comcast. He said here, people send a check to the City and then the City pays the garbage. He said there are other places that go out and take a contract and the hauler will handle the billing. He said in the case of White Oak, they have a third party collecting the money. He said there are a lot of variations out there and it is up to Council and the Mayor to decide what the optimum configuration.

- Mr. Segina said 1982 was when they started forming their sanitation contract and they wrote a contract then which was based strictly on tonnage. He said it saved them a ton of money by going by tonnage at that time. He said the employees in the sanitation were then assimilated into other departments. He said they saved a lot of money doing that. He said since that time though, things have changed and he wished the Mayor would take heed of that and if there is a chance in this option year or the next year that they either go out and base their contracts on tonnage and units so that they know which way they can go to get the cheapest price and be open to everyone who wants to bid. He said do they know what he is talking about.
- Mr. Malinchak said he is right.
- Mr. Segina said they are the only community besides Clairton who picks up garbage on a tonnage basis. He said maybe that is the problem they have with this. He said maybe they should be advertising it tonnage and per unit cost. He said if it is unit cost, no matter what they pick up from that house, the City will pay the same thing.
- Mr. Malinchak said he is raising an excellent question and he agrees with him. He said if unit cost is working in at least 3 or 4 communities that he and Darryl know about, why not McKeesport. He said he can't ask that.

- Mr. Segina said there were some allegations in that particular letter they had which concerned him too. He said whether they are true or not, he has no idea of that and no proof of that but it does raise the antennas a little bit when you read something like that. He said he doesn't know who wrote that letter but it was interesting.
- Ms. Diggs said she would like to ask a question. She said regarding the landlords, who pays for the rubbish.
- Mayor McLaughlin said the landlord pays for the garbage unless it is written into his contract or lease with the tenant.
- Mr. Segina said ultimately it goes back to the landlord. He said if the tenant doesn't pay, the landlord has to pay.
- Mayor McLaughlin said it ends up being the landlord.
- Ms. Diggs said and the City doesn't have any problem with them paying.
- Mayor McLaughlin said sometimes they have a lot of problems.
- Mr. Segina said are you kidding.
- Mayor McLaughlin said sometimes they have to lien the property.
- Mr. Tedesco said they would have the comparables to see if this is just an aberration spike or the tonnage ... what are the comparables over the last couple of years.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks what they have to do is go back five years, not three years and determine what they picked up five years ago as compared to now. He said they are now down to 23,000 people and at that time they were probably 26,000 or something like that

five years ago. He said they have a lower population so why their tonnage is increasing is beyond him.

- Mayor McLaughlin said after the census, they might have a lower population than even that.
- Mr. Segina said if they keep knocking down homes, it might be less and less population.
- Mr. Malinchak said that is where the rubbish is coming from Mayor.
- Mr. Pittman said in deference to his
- Mr. Segina said they had the same thing back in 1982 and the landlord was still throwing it out then too. He said that didn't affect ... people don't do that every day. He said they are moving out once every six or eight months. He said that is not part of the equation.
- Mr. Malinchak said he would suspect a similar conversation went on over in Glassport years ago and they said they would just solve the problem by going with the unit price or residential cost.
- Mr. Segina said he still thought the tonnage weight is the way to go however now he is looking at it and saying that maybe they should take a second look at the unit price.
- Mr. Malinchak said yes.
- Mr. Pittman said he was just going to comment to Mr. Smith and with respect to Mr. Tedesco's question, the word excess may be an indicator to the public that the Controller and the Administration are not doing their job looking at invoices and he wanted to assure everyone that the invoices are verified by tonnage and rate that is in the contract so that the amount that Council is asked to pay every month has been verified. He said the

question is how does that tonnage derive itself from McKeesport that is in question, not the math about what they are paying. He said is that correct Mr. Malinchak.

- Mr. Malinchak said that is exactly right.
- Mr. Segina said there is a possibility that this Council can use an investigation inquiry into the sanitation contract itself, to make sure that they are getting a fair shake. He said if that is the Controller's pleasure to do but they would have to amend the Agenda to put on a resolution to that effect.
- Mr. Cherepko said he thinks Nick even mentioned something about it last night that there were ways to check.
- Mayor McLaughlin said yes he did.
- Mr. Cherepko said Nick mentioned something last evening that there were ways that he can check it out.
- Mr. Malinchak said they do have ... it just so happens that he has a set of invoices for this one for \$66,000. He said they are most welcome to sit down and take a look at these. He said as Darryl mentioned there is a lot of information on the weight sheets. He said he is welcome to look at them.
- Mr. Smith said okay.
- Mr. Malinchak said it is his money.
- Mr. Smith said thank you.
- Ms. Walker said do they need to do a work session because Darryl is bringing up good points. She said do they need to do a work session on this with Nick or do they just need to make a motion to do

- Mr. Segina said he thinks with that letter ... and he hates to put any credence in that letter but he really thinks they should take part of that seriously to make sure they are being covered and the taxpayer is not being surcharged on this because of whatever is happening. He said that is all he has to say.
- Ms. Walker said do they need to do a work session with Nick.
- Mr. Segina said he would not mind doing that.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they could set up something to address it.
- Mr. Segina said they can address the fact that the Home Rule Charter calls for Council to have an investigation inquiries and even subpoena.
- Mayor McLaughlin said yes, they also have subpoena power.
- Mr. Segina said he doesn't know who to subpoena because there are no names in that letter. He said he knows they could find out more than likely.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he will contact Nick and set up a work session for some evening ... a special meeting somewhere.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is something to look into. He said then they have their doubts because they are supposed to vote on something too. He said it's almost like an anonymous letter but it definitely should be looked into, no question. He said would John McGoran from Allied Waste please come to the front.
- **JOHN MCGORAN, ALLIED WASTE, 11 BOGGS ROAD, IMPERIAL, PA 15126.** Mr. McGoran said they were the last formal hauler of this contract and they did haul it for about

seven or eight years prior to Nickolich. He said he does have the numbers from the previous contracts and there never has been a 20% discrepancy in the tonnage. He said when Mr. Segina talks about 30 yard packers, there are no 30-ton packers it is measured in yards. He said there is no such thing as a 30-ton tri-axle.

- Mr. Segina said 30 yards, he is sorry.
- Mr. McGoran said but, they look at tonnage and if the tonnage is in fact ... and he is only going by what he heard tonight ... 2,000 tons. He said the average truck is only leaving here with about nine tons. He said if they check the weight slips, they will see that the trucks are nine tons.
- Mr. Malinchak said he is absolutely right.
- Mr. McGoran said that is not 70 loads, it is 204 loads that left this community that were claimed. He said that is an awful lot of garbage, both literally and figuratively. He said during the eight years that they had this contract prior to this hauler, the consistency may have fluctuated slightly but every year as a consistency, it was a downward trend. He said there was never any spike. He said if they take the \$170,000 in the current contract, where the budget was around \$850,000 for 2010, if they were over by \$170,000, that meant they had about a 22% increase in tonnage. He said there was a steady decrease in tonnage during the eight years when they were hauling. He said the amount of residents were going down and the tons of garbage were going down. He said he doesn't know of any anonymous letter but he is here to tell them that yes the City did save a lot of money but if they are getting charged \$170,000 more than they thought, then they did not save as much money as they thought they were going to save. He said he is asking Council tonight ... this

contract is not over until December 31, what is the big rush to award this for three more years.

- Mayor McLaughlin said that is not going to happen.
- Mr. Cherepko said they were actually going to make a ... go ahead Mayor.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that was a misprint on the Agenda.
- Mr. McGoran said that is fine. He said he will tell them that there is more than one community in the area that does tonnage. He said when they billed the contract, they never had a discrepancy of 2,000 tons when they billed the contract. He said he came here to tell them ... he said he can't tell them that they are wrong by doing it by tonnage. He said Clairton does do the tonnage but so does Baldwin, Dormont, Brentwood and some others.
- Mr. Segina said he was talking about in the immediate area here, the areas that are contiguous to McKeesport or close by.
- Mr. McGoran said it is not uncommon for communities to go by the tonnage.
- Mr. Malinchak said without revealing any proprietary information, can he do any non-tonnage just by location.
- Mr. McGoran said they are almost all by units.
- Mr. Malinchak said what percentage is by units and what percentage is by tonnage.
- Mr. McGoran said about 80 percent is by unit and 20 percent by tonnage.
- Mr. Malinchak said thank you.

- Mr. McGoran said the true part about tonnage is ... especially when they have a community that is going down in size, actually tonnage is truthfully the better way to go because there are less units and less homes, then they will tend to get less garbage. He said so typically when a community is getting smaller, there are some advantages to tonnage. He said they are right that recycling is a big factor but not to the tune of 2,000 tons. He said he will guarantee that if they pull out their collection reports for the past 10 years, they never approached more than 1,000 tons a year, if that. He said this community probably only did 800 tons a year as a whole. He said if normally recycling is good, it may go up, but when you start at 800 or 900 tons in a community, there is no way that they should have 2,000 tons as a factor.
- Mr. Malinchak said he doesn't want to put Mr. McGoran on the spot, so if he doesn't want to answer the questions, fine. He said if he was sitting on this side of the table, what would he go after.
- Mr. Segina said tonnage or units.
- Mr. McGoran said he already told them he thought this community should do tonnage.
- Mayor McLaughlin said tonnage.
- Mr. Cherepko said tonnage.
- Mr. McGoran said this community should do tonnage because it is a shrinking community and they are only getting paid by what is picked up in the community.
- Mr. Segina said since he is a lazy person, could he have those figures that Mr. McGoran has.
- Mr. McGoran said he doesn't have his glasses here but he knows them because he

- Mr. Segina said can Mr. McGoran send him a copy of them.
- Mr. McGoran said absolutely.
- Mr. Segina said send it to the City Clerk, City of McKeesport.
- Mr. Pittman said John has been there before.
- Ms. Diggs said they will make a copy.
- Mr. Segina said she will make a copy for everyone gets a copy to review those and predicate their actions beyond that. He said if they are going to ... is that on the Agenda tonight, the extension.
- Mr. Cherepko said yes, they were going to change it to one year.
- Mr. Segina said maybe they should table that until they review it and have their meeting as Fawn suggested.
- Mr. McGoran said they have ten months until this agreement is over. He said if they would wait eight months, any hauler could work on it at that point.
- Mr. Segina said they don't know if they have an option here by the way. He said that is where they are really not certain.
- Mr. McGoran said they have numerous options.
- Mr. Cherepko said Mr. Pittman, just to be sure, when does the actual contract go through.
- Mr. Pittman said the initial contract goes through December 31, 2011 and there is an option to take it through December 31, 2012, if they so choose.

- Mr. Tedesco said is there a time limit to pick up that option.
- Mayor McLaughlin said no, there is no time limit.
- Mr. Elash said the contract is a year but it says November he believes
- Mr. Cherepko said
- Mr. McGoran said he has the contract right here and he believes it is 60 to 90 days. He said they have to notify them within 60 or 90 days.
- Mr. Segina said they can play it safe and have it wrapped up by July as to what is happening, Mr. President, so that
- Mr. Tedesco said they have plenty of cushion to look at it.
- Mr. Segina said he is really concerned about that 2,000 tons. He said that is a telling figure. He said the amount, \$171,000, that is what they are paying but the 2,000 ton difference is a concern. He said if they have to, he thinks they should have an inquiry or investigation conducted by this Council.
- Mr. McGoran said page five of the bid specifications says not less than 60 days prior so they have until November 2 actually to let them know.
- Mr. Segina said when they come back in September, it will give them time to make a new specification for bids if they have to.
- Mr. Cherepko said they will do that once they get to the Bill on the Agenda.

- Mayor McLaughlin said all of these tonnage numbers he is giving them, they are not giving tonnage numbers on recycling and garbage combined.
- Mr. McGoran said the City has always done their own recycling so they don't have any recollection ... he is only using his industry experience to say they have 10,000 homes so typically they would see about 800 to 1,000 tons of recyclables.
- Mr. Segina said he would like to ask Mr. McGoran one more question. He said is this sour grapes on his part because he did not get the bid last time.
- Mr. McGoran said he doesn't think so. He said he would like the opportunity to bid on it next time. He said that someone said they saved this much money, but they didn't save that much money if they are paying \$176,000 more than they thought they were paying.
- Mr. Cherepko said it is further on that he is looking at it from the aspect of yes ... let's say they went \$170,000 over their estimate, but over three years instead of saving \$1.5 million, they still saved \$1.3 million.
- Mr. McGoran said it is \$1.3 million but if they have \$170,000 every year then it is not that much.
- Mr. Cherepko said he doesn't believe it was every year. He said he believes that was just a short term
- Mr. McGoran said there was a substantial difference in the bid.
- Mr. Segina said he asked him that leading question because of one thing. He said he wanted to stir the pot a little bit so they will come in at a cheaper rate even next time.
- Mr. McGoran said gas went up last week you know.

- Mr. Malinchak said that answered his question. He said is there any possibility that they are going to start tacking on surcharges for the gas?
- Mr. McGoran said they can't do that without the City's approval. He said he doesn't think their contract actually even allows ... but there might be a change in law provision, but he doesn't think there is any other change allowed.
- Mr. Cherepko said now with that being said, does he understand once they go through it, they need to go through and look into this as far as an inquiry. He said he does understand why it would possibly be in their interest to extend that contract with gas prices going up like they are.
- Mr. McGoran said absolutely.
- Mr. Cherepko said because they could be guaranteed a certain rate.
- Mr. Segina said that is a good point Mike.
- Mr. McGoran said that is why he is not ... he is just saying he wasn't going to say anything until a couple of things were said and then he just thought well. He said he was the last hauler, so he knows what the numbers are.
- Mr. Segina said will he send those in to them.
- Mr. McGoran said absolutely.
- Mr. Segina said thanks for coming and have a safe trip home.
- Mr. Elash said he would like to say just for the record that he believes there was litigation filed on their previous hauler who added a little surcharge that they had to settle during the last contract.

- Mayor McLaughlin said didn't the last contractor want them to jack up the price because of the gas going up and everything.
- Mr. Elash said the company actually sued the City and they had to settle that suit and paid a percentage of it, whether it was right or wrong, they were claiming that under the law that was in the agreement.
- Mayor McLaughlin said that is what he thought.

TABLED BILLS:

BILL #160: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MANSFIELD BRIDGE.

- Mr. Segina said are they slow or is the County slow. He said this is still on the Agenda and he thinks this was a Christmas gift.
- Bill #160 will remain on the Table.

BILL #123: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING SENATE ENGINEERING COMPANY AS THE CITY'S BRIDGE INSPECTION ENGINEERS.

- Bill #123 will remain on the Table.
- Mr. Segina said is that subject to an agreement somewhere.
- Mr. Pittman said PennDOT has a new process for review and they took the PennDOT specifications and put them out for advertised bid. He said then PennDOT however, needed to

approve their own specifications before they could accept bids. He said they have now approved those and now they have to send them the accepted bid. He said if they can follow that, they are better than him.

- Mr. Segina said they have used Senate for as long as he has been here.
- Mr. Pittman said they used PennDOT's specs for the advertised bid but they did not get them to approve their own specs first.

NEW BUSINESS:

BILL #131: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GARY MATTA ESQ., OF THE LAW FIRM DODARO, MATTA & CAMBEST.

BILL #135: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT WITH J. JASON ELASH TO SERVE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CITY COUNCIL.

BILL #141: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH NICKOLICH SANITATION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

- Mr. Cherepko said do they have to have the City Clerk read the Bills.
- Ms. Diggs said she would introduce Bill #131.

- Mr. Elash said they need a motion to amend the Agenda.
- Mr. Tedesco said Loretta already made a motion on the Bill.
- Mr. Elash said who made the motion on the Bill.
- Mr. Walker said Loretta did.
- Mr. Elash said but now they are making a motion to
- Mr. Cherepko said as long as they don't have a second they can make a motion.... He asked for a motion to amend the agenda.
- Mr. Elash said if everyone is in agreement, they can vote on it.
- Mr. Cherepko said he is going to ask for a motion to Amend the Agenda to remove the Bills #131 and #135 from the Agenda and as long as they don't have a second, he thinks they are allowed to do that.
- Mayor McLaughlin said shouldn't they remove Bill #141 at the same time.
- Mr. Cherepko said no they will just wait because they will probably just ... they might as well Table Bill #141.
- Mayor McLaughlin said okay do you want to Table it.
- Mr. Cherepko said they might as well.
- Mayor McLaughlin said okay, that is fine.
- Mr. Segina said they can't Table it because it is for a three year period and that is incorrect.
- Mr. Cherepko said they were going to amend it and they had a new one to put on the Agenda.
- Mr. Segina said right because Bill #141 still has to

- Mr. Cherepko said they could just remove that then and just add a new one with new language. He said Darryl is right, they can do that.
- Mr. Segina said do they want to do them all at once. He said let's do them all at once.
- Mr. Cherepko said yes, they can do all three because they were going to remove the other and put a new one on. He said they are adding the third one to it.
- Mr. Segina said this is to eliminate Bill #131, #135 and #141.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To amend the Agenda to remove Bill #131, Bill #135, and Bill #141 from the Agenda."

RC-4 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #11-7 – BILL #132: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A PORTION OF BAILIE AVENUE, SITUATE IN THE SEVENTH WARD, CITY OF McKEESPORT, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BEING PART OF THE EVANS MANOR PLAN, AS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 26, PAGE 128, CONTAINING 17,801.82 SQUARE FEET.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #132."

RC-5 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
 NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Segina said he would like to ask one question on this. He said the vacation of Bailie Avenue, what is going to happen to the homes across the street on Bailie. He said are those being torn down.
- Mayor McLaughlin said it is eminent domain.
- Mr. Segina said are they going to be part of the campus of the school.
- Mr. Tedesco said they are extending it across the street.
- Mayor McLaughlin said the reason they are vacating right now is there are still three residents there and they are not out. He said he is almost positive. He said they can't do anything.
- Mr. Segina said they are going to compensate them.
- Mayor McLaughlin said if there were a fire or something there, they will still be able to get down there. He said the police still have to get down there.
- Mr. Cherepko said if he recalls correctly, he thinks the school is actually going to run all the way over to there and actually be on Bailie Avenue.
- Mayor McLaughlin said well that's actually
- Mr. Tedesco said plus they will take the vacant ones too.
- Mayor McLaughlin said actually from what he understands, is that it is going to go across Bailie.
- Mr. Cherepko said that is what he means, at least to Bailie Avenue. He said that is where the building is going to go.
- Mr. Segina said he will repeat what he said last night. He said he thinks they are doing a favor to the School Board and in return, he would want them to take out the concrete on Spring Street so they could eventually reopen that street.

- Mayor McLaughlin said alright Mr. Segina, he and Mr. Pittman will have a meeting with Mr. Gabauer and group.
- Mr. Segina said thank you very much.

ORDINANCE #11-8 – BILL #133: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A PORTION OF WAY ALLEY, SITUATE IN THE SEVENTH WARD, CITY OF McKEESPORT, COUNTY OF ALLEGHEN AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BEING PART OF THE EVANS MANOR PLAN, AS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER’S OFFICE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 26, PAGE 128, CONTAINING 2,071.20 SQUARE FEET.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, “To adopt Bill #133.”**

RC-6 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Cherepko said on Bill #134, he is going to ask for a motion to amend the Agenda to replace Bill #134 with the new Bill #134 that they have in front of them.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, “To amend the Agenda to replace Bill #134 with the new Bill #134.”**

RC-7 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #11-9 – BILL #134: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE

PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA/PENNSYLVANIA/UTAH/ WASHINGTON, INC., GRANTING A FRANCHISE WITH COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA/PENNSYLVANIA/UTAH/ WASHINGTON, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CABLE SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF McKEESPORT AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR REGULATION BY THE CITY.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #134."

- Mr. Pittman said he just wants Council to know, and it came up in the work session last night and he apologizes because they did not have a copy of the draft agreement. He said it is here and Patty has it and it is 34 pages long and they would not expect anyone to try to read that in one night unless they are really bored. He said they will make copies available to everyone and they will bring it back here for ratification a month from now.
- Mr. Segina said the franchise fee will be on there then and they can actually see what they are getting.
- Mr. Pittman said yes.
- Mr. Cherepko said it will come back again.
- Mr. Tedesco said this is just entering into the agreement.
- Mr. Elash said the way Mr. Segina had a discussion with him last night and the way that this was amended, it still gives Council the ability to enter into the agreement before the next Council meeting. He said they used a new procedure where all they would need on a memo is a signature of at least four members of Council and the Mayor so that way they would know they had approval for the next meeting and they could implement it as long as they would all sign it.

- Mr. Pittman said the citizens will not be disadvantaged to any service. He said this just determines what fees Comcast will pay to the City for the privilege of providing cable TV here in McKeesport.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they also sent 3D glasses if they want to read the contract.
- Mr. Segina said he would like DISH and DirecTV to pay a franchise fee too. He said it is kind of unfair that Comcast is the only one that has a fee and they don't get anything from DISH or DirecTV.

RC-8 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-20 – BILL #136: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY INTERSECTING CORNELL STREET AND SPRING STREET.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina,
"To adopt Bill #136."

RC-9 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-21 – BILL #137: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A TWENTY FOOT LOT FRONTING ON HIGH STREET.

RESOLUTION #2011-23 – BILL #139: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WORMANSPLACE ESG 2009 FOR FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #139."

RC-12 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
 NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-24 – BILL #140: A RESOLUTION FO THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH PENN STATE GREATER ALLEGHENY (McKEESPORT CAMPUS) FOR THE HOUSING OF PRISONERS APPREHENDED BY THEIR SECURITY OFFICERS WHILE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION/DISPOSITION.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #140."

RC-13 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
 NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mayor McLaughlin said are they getting many prisoners from there.
- Police Chief Washowich said no sir. He said they will probably average one or two a month.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #142."

- Mr. Segina said are they going to maintain this once it is up there.
- Mr. Pittman said no, they will be available as a consultant to refer with them to keep it looking attractive. He said they will be getting volunteer help. He said they have already talked to Auberle and they do one and some of them may have seen it. He said they volunteered and they have had other groups who have expressed an interest. He said they may need the help of the Fire Department periodically to assist with the irrigation but other than that, they will only help develop it and then provide oversight.
- Mr. Segina said this is on State property correct.
- Mr. Pittman said that is correct. He said they will provide the cooperation agreement with PennDOT for them.
- Mr. Segina said they won't have a problem with their forces.
- Mr. Pittman said that is correct.

RC-14 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-26 – BILL #143: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO PHASE II OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH DAVEY TREE SERVICE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GIS-BASED TREE (INVENTORY) AND MULTI-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00 TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2011 ALLEGHENY COUNTY REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICT (ARAD) CONTRACT.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #143."

RC-15 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-27 – BILL #144: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. JOHN FOR 2011 PORTABLE RESTROOM RENTAL PROGRAM.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #144."

RC-16 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2011-28 – BILL #145: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Ms. Walker, "To adopt Bill #145."

RC-17 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #146."

- Mr. Segina said does anybody else not know what is going on with this besides him.
- Ms. Walker said it is a five year plan.
- Mr. Segina said they had a letter from them ... criticizing the City for the program they had in there.
- Ms. Walker said there was a survey like HUD had and it wasn't anything that they could say no to.
- Mr. McCall said there you go.
- Mr. Segina said he not going home and reading it because he read part of it and he doesn't know where they are coming from.

- Mayor McLaughlin said that might take him until April.
- Mr. Segina said Dennis is this okay to approve tonight.
- Mr. Pittman said he thinks what the Administration is asking them to do is to approve the study that they paid for that HUD required from an outside consultant. He said if HUD has some issues with what is in there, there may be work sessions to discuss that. He said this approves what HUD asked them to hire an outside consultant to do.
- Mr. Segina said so they are not going to jail.
- Mr. Pittman said something like that.
- Mayor McLaughlin said he thinks Mr. Pittman, Bethany Bauer and he have a meeting with Fair Housing at 9:30 on Friday morning.
- Mr. Segina said he read that letter and it was kind of an excruciating type of letter that criticized the City. He said he knows certain people were upset with it and he just wanted to know if this was partly to soothe their feelings and take them back into their good graces.
- Mayor McLaughlin said they will find out.

RC-18 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malinchak said he recommends to Council to approve payment of the bills totaling \$101,314.82.

RC-19 YEAS: DIGGS, CHEREPKO, McCALL, DELLAPENNA,
TEDESCO, WALKER, SEGINA 7

NAYS: NONE 0

- ADJOURNMENT:**

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

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